

## Center to Support Research and Evaluation Capacity of CCDF Lead Agencies (CSRE)

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### ENGAGING AND LEARNING FROM THOSE AFFECTED BY CCDF POLICIES



**Brief:** As states and territories make decisions about child care policies, they may find it useful to collect data from child care providers. *Tips on Developing Surveys of Child Care Providers* (<https://shorturl.at/a4W3Y>) discusses best practices for developing and testing surveys. A one-page tip sheet lists suggestions for writing strong survey questions.



**Brief:** *Engaging Stakeholders in Research: Tips for CCDF Lead Agencies* (<https://shorturl.at/yWwx7>) is designed to help CCDF Lead Agencies understand what can be learned by listening to and talking with the people who are affected by the services provided by their agencies. It uses examples from early care and education studies to illustrate how CCDF stakeholders such as parents and child care providers have been included in research.



**Brief and Guide:** *Partnering with Parents in Research: Community-Engaged Approaches to Improve Data Collection and Analysis* (<https://shorturl.at/giMeK>) and *Partnering with Parents in Research: A Quick Guide for CCDF Lead Agencies* (<https://shorturl.at/IWiUQ>) introduces CCDF Lead Agency staff and researchers to applying community-engaged methods to engage parents in research. The brief and guide focus on defining community-engaged methods and provides concrete examples of engaging parents in research related to child care and early education.



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### GETTING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION SERVICES AND PARTNERING WITH RESEARCHERS



**Brief:** *Research Plan Essentials: A Primer for CCDF Lead Agencies* (<https://shorturl.at/1MAdX>) aims to help CCDF Lead Agency staff learn what to include or look for in a research plan. It helps you plan for each phase of the research process and provides tips on engaging partners in research.



**Guide:** *Procuring Research and Evaluation Services* (<https://shorturl.at/ZG6rP>) walks you through key steps for procuring research and evaluation services, defines key procurement terms, suggests where to look for your state/territory's requirements. It also provides a checklist and glossary of terms.



**Report and Factsheet:** *How to Build and Strengthen Partnerships Between CCDF Lead Agencies and Early Care and Education Researchers: Supporting Evidence to Inform Policy* (<https://shorturl.at/X7KVg>) and *How to Build and Strengthen Partnership with Researchers: A Factsheet for CCDF Lead Agencies* (<https://shorturl.at/gCUzd>) highlights benefits and challenges of collaborating and doing research in these partnerships and provides tips for starting up and maintaining partnerships. The brief and factsheet draw directly from the experiences of several CCDF Lead Agency staff members and researchers participating in OPRE-funded researcher-agency partnerships examining CCDF policy implementation.



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## PLANNING TO ANALYZE AND INFORM CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENT RATES



**Brief:** *Defining Narrow Cost Analysis* (<https://shorturl.at/O5iK9>) provides definitions of terms related to narrow cost analysis, discusses child care costs and prices, and explains how narrow cost analysis helps inform payment rates. See also:

- **Report:** *Approaches to Narrow Cost Analysis* (<https://shorturl.at/xSJqf>) offers examples and expert advice on how to do a good narrow cost analysis.
- **Brief:** *Using a Narrow Cost Analysis to Inform Payment Rates* (<https://shorturl.at/OV0Pf>) describes how to use cost data when setting payment rates.



**Report:** *A Logic Model to Support the Study of Local Child Care Subsidy Payment Policies and Practices* (<https://shorturl.at/sNKEv>) offers a common framework to support researchers and policy partners in examining child care subsidy payment policies and fostering cross-community learning.

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## POLICY INSIGHTS FROM RESEARCHER-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP TEAMS



**Report:** *Products from the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Implementation Research and Education (IRE) Grant Teams—as of April 2023: A List of References* (<https://shorturl.at/4EWD4>) provides a bibliography of all public-facing products published by the 2016 cohort of the CCDBG grant teams.



**Report:** *Products from the Child Care Policy Research Partnership (CCPRP) 2019 Grant Teams—as of September 2022: A List of References* (<https://shorturl.at/V0lwh>) provides a bibliography of all public-facing products published by the 2019 cohort of the CCPRP partnership team.



**Summaries:** *Key Takeaways from Partnership Teams (2019-2024)* (<https://shorturl.at/tPf0Q>) offers key takeaways and policy implications of the 2019 Child Care Policy Research Partnership's work over the last five years. These summaries explore different aspects of how state agencies can improve and expand families' access to high-quality child care programs.